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HONGKONG, MONDAY, 25TH JULY, 1870.

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[Price \$24 per Month.]

Arrivals.

July 23 SUN NAMING, Brit. br., 722, Dray, Canton 23rd July, General Wm. Pustau & Co.
July 23 MIRAGE, Brit. sh., 718, Finch, Wing-jum, Cochin-China 2nd June, and Swatow 17th July, Ballast—ACHEONG.
July 23 WITCH, Amer. br., 473, Barley, Newcastle, N.S.W., 18th May, 550 tons Coal—ORDEN.
July 24 DOM PEDRO II, Brit. br., 238, Carpenter, Chefoo 18th June, Ballast—METTA.
July 24 OSBORN, North Ger. br., 359, Amoy, Whampoa 20th July, Ballast—ASPERGUS & CO.
July 24 SUNKER, Amer. ship, 1,073, Molton, San Francisco 8th June, and Honolulu 27th General, Bremen & Co.
July 24 CARL RITTER, North Ger. br., 230, Sachau, Amoy 17th July, Ballast—BOUWEN, HUBENER & CO.
July 24 CONINA, North Ger. br., 326, Jacteon, Tientsin 6th July, General Wm. PUSTAU & CO.
July 24 ALATURCA, Yokohama 28th June, Ballast—REMEDON & CO.
July 24 JUNO, North German br., 259, Trenou, Chaofo 24th June, General—HINOLD, KABERG & CO.
July 24 CALIFORNIA, Brit. br., 323, Kirkup, Kinsale 4th June, 2,580 bales Cotton—T. & G. CO.
July 24 PILOT FEAR, Brit. br., 310, Watson, Yoko-hama 18th June, Oil, &c.—CHIEN.
July 24 MELISSA, North Ger. br., 345, Wiss, Yokohama 29th June, Ballast—BOUWEN, HUBENER & CO.
July 24 CORTEGE, Brit. br., 292, E. G. Tay, Newcastle, N.S.W., 2nd June, 400 tons Coal—BIBBY & CO.
July 24 NORDE DAME DU PORT, French br., 436, Simonose, Yokohama 18th June, Ballast—CAPTAIN.
July 25 JESUIT, North German br., 280, Hartmann, Newchwang 1st June, 6,280 piculs Beads—MELCHERS & CO.
July 25 MADAS, North German br., 350, Wupper, Swatow 23rd July, 350 tons Sugar—W.H. PUSTAU & CO.

Departures.

JULY 23.
Santa Ana, for Manila.
Canton, for Chefoo.

Passengers.

For Suwa-sha, from San Francisco, Esq. Mr. S. P. Abing, wife and 3 children, and 10 Chinese.

Reports.

The Spanish bark *Alegreza* reports variable weather throughout.

The North German bark *Fuchs* reports the North German steamer *James* 1st June instant, in lat. 24.8 N. and long. 118.46 E., from Newchawng hither, 45 days out.

The British bark *Dom Pedro II* reports light winds, variable airs and much calm weather prevailing throughout.

The North German bark *Carl Ritter* reports light S.W. winds for the first part; strong E.N.E. breeze on the p.m. of the 22nd and 23rd, equally with rain.

The North German bark *Melissa* reports variable winds throughout the passage, with calms.

The North German bark *Cofuso* reports variable winds for the first part, then strong S.W. monsoon for eight days, then N.E. Northward, then S.W. for two days after variable winds again on the p.m. of the 22nd and a.m. of the 23rd, fresh E.N.E. and equally with rain, also much thunder and lightning.

The British bark *Pilot Fish* reports left Newchwang on April 21st, with Chinese cargo to Yokohama, which was transferred to Hongkong; reports light contrary winds for the most part, and fine weather. On the 22nd, received supplies of provisions, from American ship *Blunder*.

The American ship *Samara* reports fine weather across to Honolou, which port was left on May 25th; since then had very light N.E. trade, sighted Fusan, one of the Ladrones, on June 2nd, then again and light baffling winds right across; sighted S. Cape of Formosa on the 17th.

The British bark *Calydon* reports on June 18th, departed this life, in lat. 3 N. and 103 E., at 10 P.M. Johnstone, aged 70 years, master of the ship, when at Macao, Xiamen, the mate, took charge; disease of the heart appeared cause of death.

The British barque *Coriolanus*, reports passed West of New Orleans, started South Bellona Road on June 18th, and S. W. 10th July, 14th, carried the wind between E. & N.E. up to the Equator, which was crossed on the 20th in long. 161.30 E., thence to Sipyan, one of the Ladrones Islands; on July 5th, carried variable winds, and N.E. 10.30, sighted Babuyan Claro on July 17th, carrying 1,000 N.W. winds across; hence variable winds, gusts, and small current.

The American bark *Witch* reports left the Equator on June 18th, with strong winds from the E. for the first part, then N.E. and N.W. on June 22nd, and N. W. 10th July, 14th, crossed the Equator on June 1st; crossed the N.E. trade winds, and east until passing the Ladrones Islands, on July 21st, when to Clara Bahianas had light variable winds, N.W. 10th July, 14th, and N.E. 10th July, 15th, thence to the S. Cape of Formosa on the 23rd, 29.63, heavy squalls with rain and lightning.

ACTION NOTICES TO SHIPS.

Note—
LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. have received instructions from W. H. FORBES, Esq., to offer for private Sale, A Gentleman's Riding HORSE, A dark Bay, young and perfectly sound, if 1271 Hongkong, 4th July, 1870.

IMPORTANT FOE YACHTSMEN AND OTHERS.

SWIMMING, and LIFE PRESERVING WAISTCOATS, A new INVENTION, registered in the United States. On view and for Sale at Koss & Co. 1234, Hongkong, 15th July, 1870.

THE TOURISTS' GUIDE—POCKET FORM, REDUCED PRICE \$1.

WILLIAM DOLAN having returned to Hongkong, has resumed his business of SAIL MAKING, and has established at his old place in Bedford Street, now called the nation's age of the Public.

Also a few copies of the GRAMMAR of the Chinese language, in two parts.

The Daily Press Office.

Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL \$100,000 in Dollars.

Court of Directors—Chairman—H. L. LEHMANN, Esq.

George F. Head, Esq.

S. D. Samson, Esq.

J. A. Jones, Esq.

Manager—Victor Kresser, Esq.

Chief Manager—Shanghai—David McLean, Esq.

London Bankers—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits—

For 3 months' interest, per annum

15. " " "

LOCAL BANK DISCOUNTS—

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange money transacted.

Interest on London, and the chief of commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

VICTOR KRESSER, Chief Manager, Office of the Corporation, No. 1 Queen's Road-East, Hongkong, 23rd July, 1870.

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SHARES.

Hongkong Bank Shares, £100, 3½ per cent.
Union Insurance Society, £100, 2½ per cent.
Canton Fire, £100, 1½ per cent.
China Traders' Insurance Company, £100, 1½ per cent.
Shares of Japan Marine Insurance, £100, 30 per cent.
Hawick & London Insurance Company, £100, 30 per cent.
Shares of China Steam Navigation Co., £100, 30 per cent.
China Fire, £100, 30 per cent.
Vietnam Fire, £100, 30 per cent.
Hongkong & Whampoa Dock, £100, 30 per cent.
Lancaster & Macau Steam Boat
Shares of China Steam Navigation Co., £100, 30 per cent.
Shanghai Steam Navigation Co., £100, 30 per cent.
China Sea, Saigon, and Straits S. S. Co., £100, 30 per cent.
China and Straits Steam Navigation, per annum.
Hongkong Gas, £100, 45 per cent.
Hongkong Distillery Co., £100, 60 per cent.
Indo-Chinese Sugar Co., £100, 25 per cent.
per annum.

SALES ON 23RD JULY, 1870.

as reported by Chinese
Old Cotton, 100 bales, at \$21.10, by Hop Hing
to Man Hing.
White Sugar, 100 bags, at \$7.30, by Hop
Hing to Shanghai merchant.
White Sugar, 150 bags, at \$7.00, by Hop
Hing to Shanghai merchant.
Green Tea, 100 piculs, at \$22.25, by Hop Hing
to travelling merchant.
Belt Nuts, 400 piculs, at \$1.85, by Fook Wiong
Loong to Hongkong merchant.
Rattan, 600 piculs, at \$4.15, by Fook Wiong
Loong to Hongkong merchant.
Papier, 200 piculs, at \$1.10, by Fook Wiong
Loong to Hongkong merchant.
Mushrooms, 50 piculs, at \$3.50, by Fook Wiong
Hing to travelling merchant.
Black Pepper, 400 piculs, at \$5.50, by Tak Mi
to Man Hing.
FOR SHANGHAI, direct.
Taking cargo or freight for CHIEFOO,
TIENTSIN, and HANKOW.
The North China Steamer Company's S.S.
"SIN NANZING."
Drago, Master, loading here and at Canton,
will have quick dispatch for the above place.
For freight or F.O.C. 100
Bombay Cotton, 100 bales, at \$21.50, by Parsee
merchant to Hongkong merchant.
Bombay Cotton, 30 bales, at \$21.50, by Parsee
merchant to Hongkong merchant.
Bombay Cotton, 100 bales, at \$21.50, by Parsee
merchant to Hongkong merchant.
White Tea, 1 piece, at \$2.25, by Chung On
to Hongkong merchant.

Notices of Firms.

WANTED, an English or German NURSE-
PERIODICALS Office.
M. ARTHUR HENRY MOORE and Mr.
OTTO EBELBECH, have this day been
admitted partners in our firm.
1538 Hongkong, 29th June, 1870.

NOTICE.

We have this day closed our business in
Hongkong. THOS. HUNT & CO.
1530 Hongkong, 6th July, 1870.

NOTICE.

M. R. WILLIAM HENRY MOORE and Mr.
OTTO EBELBECH, have this day been
admitted partners in our firm.
1538 Hongkong, 30th June, 1870.

NOTICE.

I HAVE this day established myself as a
Public Accountant, Average Adjuster,
and General Commissary Agent.
C. LANGDON DAVIES, Jr.
1243 Hongkong, 1st July, 1868.

NOTICE.

THE interest and responsibility of Mr.
NICHOLAS CRAWFORD, in our Hongkong
firm, ceased on the 31st March last, and Mr.
JOHN FAIRBAIRNS and Mr. JOHN SAMUEL COX
have been admitted partners therein from the
said date.

Our said firm now consists of DAVID ROBERT
FENTON CRAWFORD, JOHN SAMUEL COX, and
JOHN FAIRBAIRNS.
LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.
3m 842 Hongkong, 4th May, 1870.

NOTICE.

M. R. FRANCIS GILMAN has been duly
authorized to sign our firm in China and
Japan.
GILMAN & CO.
3m 813 Hongkong, 1st May, 1870.

NOTICE.

THE interest and responsibility of Mr.
ARTHUR WELLESLEY WALKIN-
SHAW was admitted a partner in our firm
on the 1st of January last.
R. H. RAKER & CO.
532 Hongkong, 10th March, 1870.

NOTICE.

M. R. J. ALABOR has been duly authorized
to sign my firm from the 1st of July.
ADOLPH E. MEYER.
1m. 1247 Hongkong, 1st July, 1870.

NOTICE.

W. H. HAYES has this day established
a branch of our firm in Tientsin.
Kingsley & Hayes will hereafter be con-
ducted as the sole firm by our recog-
nized Agents in charge.
RUSSELL & CO.
128 China, 1st January, 1870.

NOTICE.

M. R. WALTER HYDE NOTLEY has been
this day admitted a partner in our firm.
ROBERT S. WALKER & CO.
4m 874 Hongkong, 15th May, 1870.

NOTICE.

M. R. FRITH RATT has been duly au-
thorized to sign our firm, per pro-
curation, from this date.
BLACKHEAD & CO.
1166 Hongkong, 1st December, 1869.

NOTICE.

I HAVE established myself at this port as a
Ship Broker and Commission Agent.
D. AUNIO.
102 China, 1st January, 1870.

NOTICE.

M. THOMAS H. SILVER is admitted
a partner in our firm from the 1st of
October, 1869.
L. FRICKEL & CO.
2m 2002 Hongkong, 21st October, 1869.

NOTICE.

M. R. W. SCOTT FITZ is this day admitted
a partner in our firm. Mr. R. S. DANA
retires, his interest ceasing on the 1st Decem-
ber last.
RUSSELL & CO.
68 China, 1st January, 1870.

NOTICE.

M. R. H. WATSON has been admitted
a partner in our firm for this date.
RUSSELL & CO.
2m 211 China, 1st December, 1869.

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102 China, 1st January, 1870.

NOTICE.

PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY.
THE above Company is prepared to accept
risks of MERCHANTILE F.P.A. on
current rates from HONGKONG to SAN
FRANCISCO, STEAMSHIP, etc., per
RAIL, and in the Eastern States between
PORTLAND & BALTIMORE on the Atlantic,
both ports included, and between MILWAUKEE
and ST. LOUIS in the interior, both inclusive.
Also on MERCHANTILE F.P.A. by RAIL-
ROAD from SAN FRANCISCO to ports in
the Eastern States as above, etc.
RUSSELL & CO.
Agents.
1234 Hongkong, 14th July, 1870.

NOTICE.

THE Underwriters are prepared to accept
risks from the Tokugawa Collie (2½ per cent.)
in quantities required to be delivered
on board ship in this Harbor.

Note.—Specific Gravity of Tokusima
Oil is 1.245, it contains 82.07 per cent. of
Cetene, and 17.93 per cent. of Paraffin, and
is to be sold to the highest bidder for
measuring and all other purposes.

NOTICE.

GLOVER & CO.
Agent in Hongkong.
EDW. NORTON.
Office Post Point.
Nagasaki, Japan, April 1870.

Vessels on the Berth.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA:
THE P. & O. S. N. CO.'s steamship
"BOMA" will leave for this port about shortly after the
arrival of the next English Mail.
W. MACAULAY, Superintendent
P. & O. S. N. CO.'s Office.
Hongkong, 13th July, 1870. [1870]

STEAM TO SHANGHAI:
THE P. & O. S. N. CO.'s steamship
"MALACCA" will leave for the above port about
the arrival of the next English Mail.
W. MACAULAY, Superintendent
P. & O. S. N. CO.'s Office.
Hongkong, 23rd July, 1870. [1870]

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA:
THE P. & O. S. N. CO.'s steamship
"YOKOHAMA" will leave for the above port about
the arrival of the next English Mail.
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STEAM TO SWATOW, AMOY, AND FOOCHEW:
THE P. & O. S. N. CO.'s steamship
"SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW" will leave for the
above ports about the arrival of the next English Mail.
W. MACAULAY, Superintendent
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Hongkong, 23rd July, 1870. [1870]

STEAM TO SUNSHINE:
Captain Buchan, will have quick dispatch for
the above ports.
For Freight or Passage apply to
DODGE, 1886 Queen's Road, July 1870.

COMPAGNIE DES SERVICES
MARITIMES DES MESSAGERIES
IMPÉRIALES

THE Company's steamer
"LA BOURDONNAIS,"

Capt. Fouche, will have immediate dispatch for
YOKOHAMA.

C. BERTRAND,
Principal Agent
of 1870. Hongkong, 22nd July, 1870.

FOR SHANGHAI, direct.
Taking cargo or freight for CHIEFOO,
TIENTSIN, and HANKOW.

The North China Steamer Company's S.S.
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Vessels Advertised as Loading.

DESTINATION	VEHICLE NAME	CAPTAIN	A.	FOR FREIGHT, APPLY TO	TO BE DISPATCHED
LONDON	Hugo & Otto	Rickett	Hongkong	Rules & Co.	1st July
NEW YORK	Hudson	J. M. Vaughan	Hongkong	Olyphant & Co.	Quick dispatch
SAN FRANCISCO	Georges	Malard	Hongkong	Olyphant & Co.</td	

Extracts.

WILLIAM H. HARRIS, in Lancashire.
Said he was a beautiful little church in the West was ready for consecration. On the day appointed the venerable Bishop Chase, with several clergy, was present. Just before going into the church the Bishop had written a short note of consecration, and it was observed that his fingers treated only of spirit rapping or writing. There were discussions recorded on many recondite subjects—on the powers of crystal gazing on planchets, and on many of the mysterious unfathomable by ordinary mortals. The notes were all written in ink, and the ink was dry and could not wash it. But he was very heavy and unwilling, and could not get in and therefore declined going out into the vestry room, where there was a bowl of water, the boy and tower to me." "I am sorry. One cannot wait to see him, so we took a wet towel which do as well, and would be less noticed by the congregation. The Bishop looked at him over his spectacles and said: "Sir I never wash with a towel. At first the senior warden took the parsonage, and by singular coincidence just as the officiating clergyman was giving out the twenty-first Psalm—

"I wash my hands in innocence,
But God stripped his hands in the bowl, and washed them. Some of the people of the parish to this day think that this was part of the ceremony of consecration.—*Bullfinch*.

A Good Appetite.

Perhaps the most extraordinary instance of excessive and depraved appetite on record is that of Dr. Frobisher, of New York. Dr. Frobisher was described in Vol. XXII. of the *Dictionary de Scire Medicinae*, by Dr. Pergo. He was born near Lyons, and came up to Paris, where his first exploit was to eat a basket of apples—then a friend engaged in various occupations he availed himself of every opportunity to eat, and produced such violent colic that he was obliged to attend the Hotel Dieu, and whilst being examined almost managed to swallow the watch-chain and seals of the surgeon in attempting to get rid of the apple. Dr. Frobisher's next exploit was to eat an excessive amount, probably owing to the continued irritation produced by these absurd trials. At 17 years of age, when only weighing 100 lbs, he could eat 24 lbs of beef in as many hours. He now entered the army, and having recovered his health, became a Major-General of the 6th Regiment of Dragoons, he was detailed for the sake of curiosity. From the day of his admission, he was ordered quadrupedalism, with pickings and choice meat, but often slipped into the dispensary, to find a portion of a patient's meal, and after sucking its blood, left in a very short time, only clearly picked bones, the hair being rejected in the course of about half an hour, like other carnivora. He was fond of serpents and cels, swallowing them whole. The doctor who conducted him to the mint minutes a repeat appeal out for fifteen German wortwurst.—*Nature*.

Meditations.

All who are interested in the cause of progress will naturally rejoice at the appearance of a new journal, issuing from the Progressive Library, since that is the birthplace, as we are informed, of the *Medium*, a weekly paper published by the most eminent spiritualists and teachers of spiritualism. If the eighth number of this periodical, which is now before us, may be taken as a specimen of its severerans, the publication deserves a far more extended review than it has hitherto enjoyed.

In this number or treatise of the

orthodox of the Chinese as given by spirits, and reasons all minds by a few prefatory remarks against unorthodoxy in the cause, or

against the dangers of falsified and diluted spiritualism for the *Medium*. We have not yet received the present issue of the *Medium*, and shall not do so until the 8th of April, a party of distinguished American Spiritualists, including Mr. E. W. Wall, was overwhelmed, who communed in a audible voice with the company, and reduced some of his opinions to writing, which are reproduced in the paper now before us as specimens of spirit-writing and spirit-spelling. It appears that the party included Mr. Newell, who was called upon in an early hour of the evening before the usual hospitality had been offered to the thirty guests, and it is with much gratification that we find the spirit reproached the host for their omission in causing the party to sit down, for they had no time to eat, as he wrote, "Have some coffee." This seems to have moved the proprietors of the house to a sense of duty, for supper was ordered, and no further conversation is recorded till all had fed, when the delighted spirit wrote, "God bless you, my dear friends, and thank you for your hospitality, which would give him a translation of the words, "We trust to you." After this John Watt described the Chinese, but so volubly that no one understood his voice more than his writing, and his impressions would have been lost for the efforts of Mrs. Everett, who in the following day was inspired by John Watt to write down some very uncommunicable remarks on China.

We have all lately heard something about Dr. Newton. He, it seems, also attended a séance, but it is to be regretted that Mr. Everett will become a martyr to the cause of spiritualism, and will perish under the ruins of their house. According to the *Medium*, when spirit-manifestations occur in this dwelling, the room vibrates considerably, the walls tremble, and the furniture moves in their places, and the wainscoting in some places stands off from the wall a considerable distance. Yet Dr. Newton was not afraid to enter the room. But the account of the scene can only be given in the words of the *Medium*: "The spirit manifested itself in a very quiet way, and the manifestations of delight which the invisible power exhibited were very marked. The doctor, and he forced the spirit to show him the secret of his power, and did not dare to look at it, and give it to all whom they met in the spiritual world, and in the flesh. As soon as the lights were extinguished powerful and frequent performances were felt by all present. An ancient spirit of noble and commanding bearing between Dr. Newell and Mr. Frobisher. The doctor, clothed in a red dress, and the doctor at once recognized the description, as pertaining to Confucius, who had been similarly described previous occasions, and who is one of his controlling powers. A第一百 Indian female spirit, who had been a woman in life, and gave her arms round her neck, and kissing her. Mrs. Frobisher now saw a blue hand, about nine inches wide, passed round the whole circle, which was composed of twelve persons. It was then behind Miss Everett. Her hand was clasped behind her back, and she could not feel the touch of the spirit, nor allow her to lift her hands to touch it. It was described as being of very fine lace work, produced by spirit influence, and decorated with blue and white flowers, and those who were near it, said it was like a real hand, but all did not feel the touch. The spirits were also putting flowers on the heads and in the hands of the sisters. John Watt, now took up the tale, and struck several persons on the head with it. He also talked to Dr. Newell, and the doctor said, "I am not safe." Then said "Nippy," an Indian spirit, "who can now speak very good English," he explained, "Mr. Floyd and Mr. Hardinge to this country, at which time he could speak very little English, but had progressed very much in his studies since then, and rendered great service to our country."

one that an old Indian spirit was sometimes seen him. "Oh, no," said Nippy, "you make a mistake; there is no old Indian in our country. We are all young, and very lively," said Dr. Newell. "And younger, too," responded the spirit. "John Watt" continued the circle, against asking foolish or stupid questions, it had a bad influence on the spirits.

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